

These comments are written in reply to those individuals who are trying to prevent Low Power FM radio from expanding into communities across America. After reading some of the filings on the docket, it became clear to me that consumers of the K-Love/Air One radio service were concerned that expanding LPFM would harm their ability to enjoy positive, alternative broadcasts.

Low Power FM Radio is designed to allow community churches, schools, chambers of commerce, and other neighborhood not-for-profit groups to broadcast to their local communities. I believe that locally originating news, music, opinions, and public affairs are more relevant to me and to my family than the broadcasts of a syndicated service running on autopilot from a translator in my town. All we have on FM here are commercial stations, one student-run college station, an NPR station and a couple of professional-run college-owned stations in my listening area. A Low Power FM station held by a local school, church, or community group would give us local, volunteer, community options where little currently exists.

I understand why consumers all across the United States have filed comments with the Commission, asking them to defend broadcasting like K-Love. They want to hear an alternative to the overly commercial, frequently offensive programming put out by broadcasters like Clear Channel and Viacom. I would encourage the FCC to take note of the comments put out by the Prometheus Radio Project on the subject of translator stations, which say, in part:

"We believe that translators should have a secondary status with regard to locally based Low Power stations - if a bonafide local organization wants to use a channel for real, new, local broadcasting, they should not be pre-empted by a repeater. The licensing system as it stands gives preference to remote, out of state organizations looking to rebroadcast on thousands of channels nationwide, rather than to local entities who want just one community radio station."

As a FCC spokesperson once told the NAB, other than state departments of transportation, LPFM should be used by individual entities (& as I & Prometheus contend). Translators will work to aggregate local broadcast frequencies for the purposes of non-local programming, locking out the local voices.

Please expand LPFM, and allow my community to have a real choice of broadcasting. Thank you.